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Recommendations by Canada for Kenya's UPR

Question

In 2013, the Truth, Justice and Reconciliation Commission (TJRC) delivered its report to the Government on redressing historical injustices in Kenya. Could the Delegation of Kenya inform us on the status of implementing the TJRC report recommendations?

Recommendations

Canada recommends that Kenya:

1. Ensure that all counter-terrorism measures undertaken fully comply with the Constitution, the rule of law and international human rights obligations.
2. Continue to strengthen internal accountability mechanisms for all security agencies, including investigating and prosecuting members of security agencies responsible for human rights violations.
3. Repeal or amend any laws which may constrain or limit a vibrant civil society, in line with international human rights obligations and Kenya's Constitution
4. Fully implement the Prohibition of Female Genital Mutilation Act.

Observations

Canada welcomes the Kenyan First Lady's initiative to improve maternal and child health through the 'Beyond Zero' Campaign, which we anticipate will have a positive impact in reducing Kenya's maternal mortality rate.

While we also commend Kenya on its progress in implementing the recommendations of the National Taskforce on Police Reforms (2009), Canada notes with concern reports of extrajudicial killings, torture, mass arbitrary detentions, and extortion by police.